

Dammeron Valley Fire SSD

Draft Minutes of Public Meeting Held February 2, 2016

Meeting Place: Dammeron Valley Fire Station

1261 North Dammeron Valley Dr. E, Dammeron Valley, Utah 84783

ACB Members Present: Chairman Gary Jensen

Vice-Chairman AB Johnson

Treasurer Craig Meyocks

Clerk Mike Thomas

ACB Member at Large Mack Sorensen

Management Company represented by Amanda Lamb

Meeting called to order by Gary Jensen at approximately 7:00 PM

1. Acceptance of Agenda

Mack Sorensen made a motion to accept and approve the agenda as written, "I make a motion to approve the February 2, 2016 agenda as written", the motion was amended by Craig Meyocks to move the Eagle Scout discussion to after approval of previous meeting minutes, AB Johnson seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes

AB Johnson made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes with corrections, "I make a motion to approve the January 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes with corrections, Mike Thomas seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Eagle Scout Project

Austin Hansen asked the Board if the Eagle Scouts can install three (3) park benches: Two (2) in playground and one (1) in pavilion area. Craig Meyocks asked if there were plans or details of the park benches being installed. Austin Hansen stated he is working with a homeowner and needs approval from the Board to move forward. No money is being requested. The board asked that the

final plans be removed before installation. Mack Sorensen made a motion to approve the Eagle Scout project, "I make a motion to approve the Eagle Scout project to have three (3) park benches installed, Craig Meyocks seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously. Gary Jensen thanked Austin for presenting is project to the Board. Frank Sheer asked if any materials are needed and if donations are welcomed.

4. DVFSSD Monthly Bills/Financials

Mike Thomas, Clerk: gave financial report.

Total Income and Expenses as of the end of January were not presented due to bank accounts not being reconciled and financial reports not being completed.

Bank Balance:

No report was given.

Invoices to be approved:

Washington County Fire Chiefs Assn. \$80.00, Reimbursement to James Peterson- BT Automotive Services- Engine 13 \$442.58, Reimbursement to James Peterson- BT Automotive Services- Brush 1, 2, & 3 \$613.35, Veyo Merc. \$22.64, TecResQ \$15,228.30, Reimbursement to Don Wallace- Tiki Island Broiler \$42.65, Reimbursement to Allison Stingley- Home Depot \$9.53- Costco \$101.37- Walgreens \$3.32.

AB Johnson made a motion, "I make a motion to pay the monthly bills and invoices as reported", Craig Meyocks seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of checks that have not cleared: The Board asked Chief Kevin Dye to check with the volunteers who have not cashed their Christmas bonus check. Amanda will contact the landscaping company to make sure they have received their check, since it has not cleared.

NEW BUSINESS:

7. Fire Chief Report:

Chief Kevin Dye reported that January there was three (3) medical calls and two (2) fires in the area. Tucks were serviced for the season. Oil changes were done, brakes checks and transmissions. Had problems with pages not going through. If the physical address is not given the dispatcher is not able to page out the call. The backup VHF system needed to be updated. Prior the system was down for several weeks. The system now is updated and the responders will be able to receive all

calls made in the area. Washington County came and replaced the solar panels and equipment needed in the repeater station. The batteries were frozen due to the cold temperatures. Gel batteries were installed to help prevent freezing. Each Fire Districts are coming together to figure out a new system that works for everyone in the County. Craig Meyocks asked if prices have been provided. Chief Kevin Dye reported that the surrounding areas are coming together to see how the new system will be funded. Gary Jensen was requested by homeowner if the evacuation plan has been set and published. When burning starts the plan will be provided and signs posted. Homeowner requested to use the Fire Station for an event on Friday. Gary Jensen stated the reservation has already been made and noted. Craig Meyocks asked if the captain meetings can be moved to the third Thursday at 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM. Craig Meyocks asked that all Board members be present and have a work meeting. Craig Meyocks made a motion to have a work meeting and the time will be posted, Mike Thomas seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. Meeting Days, 1st Tuesday vs. 2nd Tuesday

AB Johnson stated it would be best to have the meeting on the second Tuesday of the month so the financial reports are ready to report. Mack Sorensen asked that if behind and not reported during the Board meeting if the Board would not be in compliance. Amanda reported that any time a request can be made to the management company for financials. AB Johnson made a motion to move the Board meeting to the second Tuesday of each month to be able to report the financials, Craig Meyocks seconded the motion, four (4) voted in favor and one (1) opposed, motion passed unanimously. Amanda will post on the Utah Public Website the new Board Meeting Schedule.

6. Billing Issues:

a.) Per Lot vs Mil Levy

AB Johnson asked why the SSD doesn't do Mil Levy instead of per lot assessment and have the County collect the funds. The amount per home is based upon each owners property value. Craig Meyocks stated that the Budget is approved by the Board and Public notice is giving of the rate increase and discussion. Gary Jensen stated that if there was a Mil Levy that the fee would be deducted from the Owners income tax. AB stated he has been called by Owners asking why Owners have to pay on empty lots. Mack Sorensen stated the risk is higher on empty lots and the Owners of empty lots have same services provided as those who have a home. Chief Kevin Dye stated the risk is much higher on empty lots do to the lots having more debris. Craig Meyocks stated that the northwest districts have different dues to lot Owners. Frank Sheer stated that he attended the

meeting regarding the discussion on Mil Levy and he feels the fairest way is to have a flat taxed fee. Gary Jensen mentioned that the Fire Insurance is lower due to the SSD. Karen Sharkey stated she feels the empty lots that don't have a home are a huge hazard to the surrounding lots. Chief Kevin Dye stated that the cost is the same for the Fire Department no matter where they go, whether it is a home or lot. Mack Sorensen stated that a lot of thought went in to forming the SSD. The feelings from homeowners on having a flat fee seemed reasonable. The amount assessed for 2016 at \$250.00 is cheaper for a year then it would be to have a Mil Levy. The Board doesn't anticipating having the dues this high in years to come. The discussion was made for three months prior to the Board approving. The Board took into consideration of those who attended the three meetings.

b.) Payment Plans

Mack Sorensen stated that the fee doesn't get sent to the County until August 1st, and if an Owner wants to pay a little each month until the dead line he doesn't see that problem in that. Gary Jensen stated the late fee and service fee still applies until paid in full. Craig Meyocks stated that he is ok with the Owners making payments if needed. Mack Sorensen stated that the Valley is very close and help each other. There has been times when people come together and help those in need. AB Johnson and Mike Thomas agreed that if Owners want to pay each month until paid before sent to the County.

NEW BUSINESS

7. Reserve Study Worksheet

Craig Meyocks stated the SSD by law is not required to have a reserve study done, but that the DVLA is required by law. He highly recommends the SSD follow the same guidelines to insure the SSD is in line with the Reserves. Gary Jensen stated he strongly agrees and efforts need to be made to have a reserve study done. It would be beneficial to the Board and Owners to have a very detailed outline of what the reserves should be based off of. Amanda will schedule a walk through with Reserve Study specialist to come to the SSD to review what is needed in the reserve study.

8. Radio Repeater

Gary Jensen stated that equipment may need to be attached to the roof of the fire house to be able to service the SSD's needs. Discussion tabled until bids can be obtained.

9. Two Parcels being combined

Craig Meyocks reviewed email provided by an Owner who had two parcels combined. The documentation was reviewed by the Board and Mack Sorensen went to County Recorder's office to confirm. Mack Sorensen confirmed that it has been legally combined but that the SSD never received record of the two parcels being combined. There were a total of four parcels and two were combined into one. Amanda will have the billing corrected to only bill two fees.

10. Request for Closed Session

No request at this time

11. Chair Opens Discussion for Public Comments

Ruth Sheer asked about the fee for the SSD. Questioned asked was the SSD collects the fee of \$250.00 in January and Owners have till August. Gary Jensen responded to question stating the SSD collects the fee in January but if not paid in full by August then it gets sent to the Treasures office and is collected through the Owners taxes. The budget is set up and approved before January so starting January of the next year the SSD has money to operate.

12. Adjournment

Mack Sorensen made a motion, "I make a motion we adjourn", Michael Thomas seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned